

## Nays—15.

Atlee.	Kerr.
Bailey.	Linn of Wharton.
Beall.	Neal.
Bowser.	Presler.
Burns.	Rogers.
Dibrell.	Wayland.
Goss.	Yett.
Harrison.	

Absent.

Greer.

Excused.

Linn of Victoria.

Senator Pressler offered the following substitute:

Resolved, that each Senator be allowed to subscribe for twenty daily or weekly papers, to be paid for out of the contingent fund of the Senate.

Senator Gough moved to table the substitute.

Tabled.

The resolution was then lost by the following vote:

## Yeas—14.

Atlee.	Harrison.
Bailey.	Linn of Wharton.
Beall.	Morriss.
Bowser.	Neal.
Burns.	Presler.
Dibrell.	Rogers.
Goss.	Wayland.

## Nays—15.

Boren.	Stone.
Colquitt.	Terrell.
Darwin.	Tillett.
Gough.	Turney.
Kerr.	Woods.
Lewis.	Yantis.
Ross.	Yett.
Stafford.	

Absent.

Greer.

Excused.

Linn of Victoria.

By Senator Stafford:

Inasmuch as the Governor's message will appear in to-morrow's Journal, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Public Printer be instructed to print 750 copies of same. Lost.

The Chair announced that the oath of office required by the Constitution had been duly administered to Senator-elect E. D. Linn of Victoria by Sam B. Dabney, Notary Public of Victoria county, Texas, a certified copy of which was laid before the Senate.

Whereupon, on motion of Senator Linn of Wharton, he was excused from attendance upon the Senate for

five days dating from the beginning of the Senate, on account of sickness.

On motion of Senator Goss, the Senate adjourned to 10 a. m. to-morrow.

## FOURTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Tex., Friday, Jan. 15.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Jester in the chair.

Roll called: Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Bailey.	Neal.
Beall.	Presler.
Bowser.	Rogers.
Burns.	Ross.
Colquitt.	Stafford.
Darwin.	Stone.
Dibrell.	Terrell.
Goss.	Tillett.
Gough.	Turney.
Harrison.	Wayland.
Kerr.	Woods.
Lewis.	Yantis.
Linn of Wharton.	Yett.
Morriss.	

Absent.

Atlee. Greer.

Excused.

Boren. Linn of Victoria.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. F. S. Jackson.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator Woods, the same was dispensed with.

## BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Rogers:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1: Whereas, The Hon. William Jennings Bryan of Nebraska, the brilliant orator, grand statesman and matchless tribune of the people, at the last election Democratic candidate for President of the United States, contemplates an early visit to this State; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That in the name of all the people the Legislature of Texas welcomes the distinguished gentleman to our grand State, and voice the wish that his stay among us may be prolonged and agreeable.

Be it further resolved, That a cordial invitation is hereby extended to Hon. W. J. Bryan to visit the capital of the State, as the guest of the Legislature

during his sojourn in Texas.

Be it further resolved, That his Excellency C. A. Culberson, Governor of Texas, be and he is hereby requested, to transmit to the Hon. W. J. Bryan a copy of this concurrent resolution, certified by the great seal of the State.

Senator Burns, in behalf of the people of his district, seconded the resolution, and moved its adoption.

Adopted.

By Senator Burns:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 2, "Amending the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding to same Article VIIa, relating to the improvement of streets, etc., in cities, towns, and villages."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

By Senator Bowser:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 3, "To amend article 8 of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding to said article an additional section to be numbered section 20. (Tending to encourage and develop the business of manufacturing by authorizing the Legislature to exempt the capital stock of persons or incorporations so engaged from taxation for a period of ten years under certain conditions.)"

By Senator Gough:

Resolved, That Senate committee room No. 7 be set apart for the exclusive use of the Senate engrossing department, in charge of the chairman of the Senate Engrossing Committee.

Adopted.

By Senator Gough:

Resolved, That the rules of the Senate of the Twenty-fourth Legislature be adopted for the government of this body until rules shall be adopted and printed.

Adopted.

By Senator Stone:

Senate bill No. 11, a bill to be entitled "An act appropriating one hundred and ten thousand dollars to pay members' mileage and per diem, and officers' and employes' per diem, of the Twenty-fifth Legislature."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Finance.

By Senator Stone:

Senate bill No. 12, a bill to be entitled "An act making an appropriation to defray the contingent expenses of the Twenty-fifth Legislature."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Finance.

By Senator Turney:

Senate bill No. 13, a bill to be entitled "An act to abolish the unorgan-

ized counties of Buchel and Foley, and to incorporate their territory into the county of Brewster; to provide for the payment of certain bonds held by the State against such unorganized counties out of funds now held to their credit, etc."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

By Senator Linn of Wharton:

Senate bill No. 14, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend articles 4978, 4983, 4986, 4987, 4990, 4991, 4992, 4993, and 4996 of title CII, chapter 5, Revised Statutes of Texas."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Rogers:

Senate bill No. 15, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 2601, chapter 6, title 51 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Rogers:

Senate bill No. 16, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 1942, chapter 8, title 39, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas of 1895."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Bowser:

Senate bill No. 17, a bill to be entitled "An act for the relief of railway corporations and belt and suburban railway companies having charters granted or amended since the first day of January, 1887, and which have failed or are about to fail to construct their roads and branches, or any part thereof, within the time required by law."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

By Senator Tillett:

Senate bill No. 18, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 386c, chapter 1, title 18, of the Revised Statutes, relating to cities and towns."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Towns and City Corporations.

By Senator Beall:

Senate bill No. 19, a bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the issuance of attachments for witnesses in felony cases to counties other than those in which the trial is had, and to provide for the payment of the expenses of such witnesses."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator Lewis:

Senate bill No. 20, a bill to be enti-

tled "An act to require city and county treasurers to report condition of interest and sinking funds to the State Comptroller; to prohibit them from diverting said funds, and providing penalties."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Finance.

By Senator Beall:

Senate bill No. 21, a bill to be entitled "An act regulating the licensing of attorneys and counsellors at law and the practice of law within this State."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Woods:

Senate bill No. 22, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend title 17, chapter 3, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, by adding article 794a after article 794 of said chapter, for the purpose of preventing stock from running at large in counties, districts and subdivisions of counties where stock are forbidden by law from running at large, and to provide a penalty therefor."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator Turney:

Senate bill No. 23, a bill to be entitled "An act to provide a mode of service binding upon the inhabitants of any town or village to whom land grants have been made, and which are not otherwise incorporated in suits brought in relation to said lands, and to regulate proceedings thereunder."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Towns and City Corporations.

Call concluded.

The Chair announced the following additions to standing Senate committees:

Senator Stafford to Committee on Internal Improvements.

Senator Tillett to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

Senator Burns to Committee on Judicial Districts.

The following general committee clerks were appointed by the Chair: Messrs. N. W. Floyd and J. J. Gordon.

The appointment of the following committee clerks was announced by the Chair as having been made by the respective chairmen:

Judiciary Committee No. 1, A. D. Flores.

Judiciary Committee No. 2, R. F. Powell.

Committee on Education, S. J. Thomas.

Committee on Finance, B. N. McNeill.

Committee on Judicial Districts, Otto D. H. Pfeuffer.

The said appointments to date from the beginning of the session.

On motion of Senator Bowser, the Senate adjourned to 3 p. m. to-day.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant Governor Jester in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Beall.	Morriss.
Bowser.	Neal.
Burns.	Presler.
Colquitt.	Rogers.
Darwin.	Ross.
Dibrell.	Terrell.
Goss.	Tillett.
Gough.	Turney.
Greer.	Wayland.
Harrison.	Woods.
Kerr.	Yantis.
Lewis.	Yett.
Linn of Wharton.	

Absent.

Bailey.	Stone.
Stafford.	

Excused.

Atlee.	Linn of Victoria.
Boren.	

The Chair announced the following standing committee on Public Printing: Senator Tillett, chairman; Senators Boren, Colquitt, Neal, Terrell and Linn of Victoria.

The Chair announced the addition of the following Senators to the Judiciary Committee No. 2: Colquitt and Neal.

On motion of Senator Yett,

Senator Atlee was excused from attendance on the Senate to-day on account of sickness.

## HOUSE MESSAGE.

The following message was received from the House:

House of Representatives,  
Austin, January 15, 1897.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate of the passage by the House of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Speaker to act

on the part of the House with a like committee on the part of the Senate to arrange for the counting of the votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor and for the inauguration of said officers. Respectfully,  
LEE J. ROUNTREE, Chief Clerk.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following resolution by Senator Woods, to-wit:

Resolved, That all professional lobbyists be excluded from the Senate floor during the session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature. A professional lobbyist, in the meaning of this resolution is one in the employ of any person, firm or corporation seeking to prejudice, bias or in any way influence legislation, and does not apply to gentlemen invited to appear before any committee by the chairman of such committee.

The following substitute was offered by Senator Goss, and accepted by Senator Woods:

Resolved, That all lobbying in or about the Senate chamber during the actual sessions of the Senate be and the same is hereby entirely prohibited, and it is made the duty of the Sergeant-at-Arms and the Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms to see that this rule is enforced.

The resolution as substituted was adopted.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Jan. 15, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Finance Committee, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 12, entitled "An act making an appropriation to defray the contingent expenses of the Twenty-fifth Legislature," have had same under consideration, and instruct me to report same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass with the following amendment:

Strike out "forty thousand dollars" where it occurs in the bill and insert "thirty thousand dollars."

STONE, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Jan. 15, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 11, being "An act appropriating one hundred and ten thousand dollars to pay members' mileage and per diem, and officers' and employes' per diem, of

the Twenty-fifth Legislature," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report same back with recommendation that it do pass.

STONE, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Jan. 15, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate concurrent resolution No. 1, welcoming Hon. W. J. Bryan to Texas, and inviting him to visit the capital of the State,

And find same correctly engrossed.

GOUGH, Chairman.

The Chair laid before the Senate House concurrent resolution, providing for the appointment of a joint committee to count the votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor and for the inauguration of said officers.

The resolution was read and adopted, and the Chair appointed as a committee on the part of the Senate Senators Turney, Ross, and Burns.

By Senator Goss:

Resolved, That each Senator be allowed to subscribe for four newspapers during the session of the Senate, to be paid for out of the contingent fund.

Senator Colquitt moved to lay the resolution on the table.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—10.

Colquitt.	Lewis.
Darwin.	Morriss.
Gough.	Ross.
Terrell.	Woods.
Tillett.	Yantis.

Nays—15.

Bailey.	Linn of Wharton.
Beall.	Neal.
Bowser.	Presler.
Burns.	Rogers.
Dibrell.	Turney.
Goss.	Wayland.
Harrison.	Yett.
Kerr.	

Absent.

Greer.	Stone.
Stafford.	

Excused.

Atlee.	Linn of Victoria.
Boren.	

Pending further consideration, Senator Bailey offered the following:

Senate concurrent resolution No. 2, asking the Congress of the United States to speed the passage of a general bankruptcy law.

Read and referred to Committee on Federal Relations.

Resuming consideration of the resolution offered by Senator Goss,

Senator Colquitt moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

Senator Burns moved as an amendment that when the Senate does adjourn it stands adjourned until Monday at 10 a. m.

Senator Gough made the point of order that the amendment was not in order.

Sustained.

Senator Burns then moved that the Senate adjourn until Monday at 10 a. m.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—5.

Colquitt.	Stafford.
Darwin.	Terrell.
Gough.	

Nays—21.

Bailey.	Neal.
Beall.	Presler.
Bowser.	Rogers.
Burns.	Ross.
Dibrell.	Tillett.
Goss.	Turney.
Harrison.	Wayland.
Kerr.	Woods.
Lewis.	Yantis.
Linn of Wharton.	Yett.
Morriss.	

Absent.

Greer.	Stone.
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Excused.

Atlee.	Linn of Victoria.
Boren.	

The vote was then taken on Senator Colquitt's motion to adjourn until 10 a. m. to-morrow.

Action recurring on the resolution, Senator Colquitt moved to postpone further consideration until after call Monday morning.

Senator Linn of Wharton moved to table the motion to postpone.

Tabled.

By Senator Bowser: Amend by inserting three in lieu of four.

Lost.

By Senator Stafford: Amend by adding "Democratic papers."

Lost.

By Senator Burns: Amend by striking out the word "four" and insert in lieu thereof "ten."

Lost.

By Senator Colquitt: Amend by striking out "four" and insert "one."

Lost.

By Senator Colquitt: Amend by striking out "four" and insert "two."

Lost.

The resolution was then adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—15.

Bailey.	Linn of Wharton.
Beall.	Morriss.
Bowser.	Neal.
Burns.	Presler.
Dibrell.	Rogers.
Goss.	Wayland.
Harrison.	Yett.
Kerr.	

Nays—10.

Colquitt.	Terrell.
Darwin.	Tillett.
Lewis.	Turney.
Ross.	Woods.
Stafford.	Yantis.

Absent.

Gough.	Stone.
Greer.	

Excused.

Atlee.	Linn of Victoria.
Boren.	

I opposed and voted "no" on the resolution voting four daily papers to each Senator, to be paid for out of the contingent fund, because I do not believe such to be good public policy. I have opposed it in my public utterances at home, and can not stultify myself by voting such bounties to myself out of the public funds.

O. B. COLQUITT.

Senator Goss moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was passed, and to lay that motion on the table.

Senator Colquitt moved to adjourn until 9.30 a. m. to-morrow.

Lost by the following vote.

Yeas—4.

Bowser.	Darwin.
Colquitt.	Stafford.

Nays—21.

Bailey.	Presler.
Beall.	Rogers.
Burns.	Ross.
Dibrell.	Terrell.
Goss.	Tillett.
Harrison.	Turney.
Kerr.	Wayland.
Lewis.	Woods.
Linn of Wharton.	Yantis.
Morriss.	Yett.
Neal.	

Absent.

Gough.	Stone.
Greer.	

Excused.

Atlee.	Linn of Victoria.
Boren.	

(Senator Beall in the chair).

The motion to reconsider and table prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—18.

Bailey.	Morriss.
Beall.	Neal.
Bowser.	Presler.
Burns.	Rogers.
Dibrell.	Terrell.
Goss.	Turney.
Harrison.	Wayland.
Kerr.	Yantis.
Linn of Wharton.	Yett.

Nays—7.

Colquitt.	Stafford.
Darwin.	Tillett.
Lewis.	Woods.
Ross.	

Absent.  
Stone.

Gough.  
Greer.

Excused.

Atlee.  
Boren.

Linn of Victoria.

Senator Wayland called up Senate bill No. 11, a bill to be entitled "An act appropriating one hundred and ten thousand dollars to pay members' mileage and per diem, and officers' and employes' per diem, of the Twenty-fifth Legislature,"

And moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and the bill be put upon its second reading.

Suspended by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Bailey.	Neal.
Beall.	Presler.
Bowser.	Rogers.
Burns.	Ross.
Darwin.	Stafford.
Dibrell.	Terrell.
Goss.	Tillett.
Harrison.	Turney.
Kerr.	Wayland.
Lewis.	Woods.
Linn of Wharton.	Yantis.
Morriss.	Yett.

Nays—1.

Colquitt.

Excused.

Atlee.  
Boren.

Linn of Victoria.

Absent.

Gough.  
Greer.

Stone.

Bill read second time.

By Senator Goss: Amend by adding after the word "necessity" the words "and an emergency."

Adopted.

Bill ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Wayland, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage, by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Bailey.	Neal.
Beall.	Presler.
Bowser.	Rogers.
Burns.	Ross.
Darwin.	Stafford.
Dibrell.	Terrell.
Goss.	Tillett.
Harrison.	Turney.
Kerr.	Wayland.
Lewis.	Woods.
Linn of Wharton.	Yantis.
Morriss.	Yett.

Nays—1.

Colquitt.

Absent.  
Stone.

Gough.  
Greer.

Excused.

Atlee.  
Boren.

Linn of Victoria.

Bill read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Bailey.	Neal.
Beall.	Presler.
Bowser.	Rogers.
Burns.	Ross.
Colquitt.	Stafford.
Darwin.	Terrell.
Dibrell.	Tillett.
Goss.	Turney.
Harrison.	Wayland.
Kerr.	Woods.
Lewis.	Yantis.
Linn of Wharton.	Yett.
Morriss.	

Nays—none.

Absent.

Gough.  
Greer.

Stone.

Excused.

Atlee.  
Boren.

Linn of Victoria.

Senator Wayland called up

Senate bill No. 12, a bill to be entitled "An act making an appropriation to defray the contingent expenses of the Twenty-fifth Legislature,"

And moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and the bill be put upon its second reading.

Suspended by the following vote:

Yeas—25.  
 Bailey. Neal.  
 Beall. Presler.  
 Bowser. Rogers.  
 Burns. Ross.  
 Colquitt. Stafford.  
 Darwin. Terrell.  
 Dibrell. Tillett.  
 Goss. Turney.  
 Harrison. Wayland.  
 Kerr. Woods.  
 Lewis. Yantis.  
 Linn of Wharton. Yett.  
 Morriss.

Nays—none.

Absent.

Gough. Stone.  
 Greer.

Excused.

Atlee. Linn of Victoria.  
 Boren.

Bill read second time, with committee amendment.

Committee amendment adopted, and bill ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Wayland, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage, by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Bailey. Presler.  
 Beall. Rogers.  
 Bowser. Ross.  
 Burns. Stafford.  
 Darwin. Terrell.  
 Goss. Tillett.  
 Harrison. Turney.  
 Kerr. Wayland.  
 Lewis. Woods.  
 Linn of Wharton. Yantis.  
 Morriss. Yett.  
 Neal.

Nays—1.

Colquitt.

Absent.

Dibrell. Greer.  
 Gough. Stone.

Excused.

Atlee. Linn of Victoria.  
 Boren.

Bill read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Bailey. Dibrell.  
 Beall. Goss.  
 Bowser. Harrison.  
 Burns. Kerr.  
 Colquitt. Lewis.  
 Darwin. Linn of Wharton.

Morriss. Tillett.  
 Neal. Turney.  
 Presler. Wayland.  
 Rogers. Woods.  
 Ross. Yantis.  
 Stafford. Yett.  
 Terrell.

Nays—none.

Absent.

Gough. Stone.  
 Greer.

Excused.

Atlee. Linn of Victoria.  
 Boren.

On motion of Senator Wayland, the Senate adjourned until 10 a. m. Monday.

## FIFTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,  
 Austin, Tex., Monday, Jan. 18.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Jester in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Bailey. Morriss.  
 Beall. Presler.  
 Boren. Rogers.  
 Bowser. Ross.  
 Burns. Stafford.  
 Colquitt. Terrell.  
 Darwin. Tillett.  
 Dibrell. Turney.  
 Goss. Wayland.  
 Gough. Woods.  
 Harrison. Yantis.  
 Kerr. Yett.  
 Linn of Wharton.

Absent.

Atlee. Neal.  
 Greer. Stone.  
 Lewis.

Excused.

Linn of Victoria.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. F. S. Jackson.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator Harrison, the same was dispensed with.

On motion of Senator Boren, Senator Stone was excused from attendance on to-day's session of the Senate on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Bailey, Senator Neal was excused for to-day on account of important business.